

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
November 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and victims of recent terror attacks. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Robert Gluck, Vana McClure, Martin Bailey and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 35 members and guests in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Erma Gluck announced 1. The 9th Annual Tree Lighting and holiday party at 3:00 PM at the Fire House. 2) A letter of thanks from Save-A-Pet for the monthly cat food donation given by member Mildred Zimmerman in the name of the Coram Civic Association. 3) An update on the Coram Plaza and beverage center which included the closing of the beverage center by the TOB due to numerous violations; meeting with the shopping center owners regarding improvements to be made, and visits from Erma Gluck, Legislators Anker and Calarco to all businesses in the center to discuss issues and improvements noted. 3) The Civic slate of officers with terms renewing in 2017: President - Erma Gluck, Treasurer – Paul Ziems, Corresponding Secretary – Kathrine Soscia and Sergeant-At -Arms – Robert Gluck. The Secretary cast one vote for the slate.

The remainder of the business meeting was suspended to allow for guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Volunteers **Kimberly Bocchimuzzo** and **Brittany Lawton** provided an overview of the upcoming Relay for Life in the Longwood community and the work of the American Cancer Society. Community members may get involved by attending the Relay for Life scheduled for May 20 at the Jr. High School, start or join an existing team or come to the Paint Pallet Party on December 19, 7:00 PM at the Fire House.

Suffolk County Police Commissioner Timothy Sini gave a presentation on efforts of the police department during the past year. There are three target issues of public safety being addressed: the opioid epidemic, firearm and gang violence, and traffic safety. Efforts in these areas have resulted in increased indictment of dealers, reduction of firearms and reduction of fatal accidents. The department has also focused on community policing through education in the schools, the COPE

unit and “Coffee with a Cop” programs. General department improvements have been made in decreased response time by channeling non-emergency calls through the 631-852-COPS phone number, by programs that reduce false alarms and by reduction in officer paperwork.

A lengthy question and answer period followed. Civic members raised questions about quality of life issues particularly the lack of a loitering law, “professional squatters” taking over vacant homes, phone solicitation of funds by people claiming to be from law enforcement (police do not make these calls), activities of the PAL, need for additional police officers, and issues at the Home Depot shopping center.

Commissioner Sini noted the new program (www.SCPD Shield) that provides training and information to businesses and houses of worship on how to avoid and what do to in active shooter situations. There are 175 recruits in the current Police Academy class. This is largest class and will provide the much needed additional personnel.

Officer Bradshaw of the 6th Precinct COPE Unit gave an overview of crime statistics for the past four weeks. Crime has been remarkably low. He discussed work with the businesses at the Coram Plaza shopping center and the progress being made there. He also highlighted the beverage store closing done in conjunction with TOB officials due to the many code violations. He suggested visiting the departmental web site (suffolkpd.org) for a wealth on information about the department, PAL, and community relations.

Fire Commissioner Van Johnson mentioned the department has been receiving an average of six calls a day, many due to traffic accidents. He reminded everyone to attend the holiday party on December 4.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Trudy Armatulli who took home \$10.00 and donated \$12.00 back to the Civic.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,
Recording Secretary